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a constant supply of blood-making
material or their systems will break down.
The complicated female organism is
so delicately adjusted as to be easily
thrown out of balance. As a result,
health and strength are affected by
diverse diseases. Motherhood, family
society all levy such drains upon her
strength that most women break under
the nervous tension. The demands
upon her nervous strength are much
greater than similar demands of the
opposite sex. Hence she must be sup-
plied in greater measure with the ele-
ment-iron-that gives strength. The
reason women feel tired and worn out
and suffer from headache, pains in the
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have used up their supply of iron.
Menstruation trouble is largely caused
by lack of iron.

**Dr. Harter's
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supplies this element. It enriches the
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best preparation of iron I am ac-
quainted with. To weak, worn-out
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Shipments can now be made
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ern Pacific Co. to Galveston,
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ta Gorda at the following
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Per 100 lbs. \$1.45 1.30 1.25 1.05 .90 .75

The Schr. "SILVER SPRAY" is now making
weekly trips, weather permitting, Punta Gorda
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W. L. DOUGLAS SHOES
BEST IN THE WORLD.

WOMEN WARRIORS.
Many Have Fought Bravely—Econ-
omized as a Queen.

The muster rolls of the civil war
show a number of cases of soldiers who
were discovered to be women.

One of the most remarkable women
was Christiana Cavenagh, who lived in
England in the nineteenth century. She
was married and had three children.
Her husband was carried off to Hol-
land, where he had to enlist as a pri-
vate soldier. His wife dressed as a
man and enlisted so as to be near her
husband. She was wounded at the bat-
tle of London, made a prisoner by the
French and carried to St. Germain-en-
Laye, where she remained until she
was exchanged. Then she quarreled
and fought a duel with her sergeant
and was transferred to another reg-
iment. Again she was wounded at Ra-
millies, when her secret was discovered.
She was, however, permitted to
remain with the regiment as a cook.

Many English officers recall the case
of "Dr. James Barry." This woman
served in the British army about fifty
years ago as a surgeon at the Cape, at
Malta and at Barbados. At the Cape
she fought a duel with an officer who
had killed a woman.

ANOTHER TRUE
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DEDICATED TO EDITORS W. F. STOVALL
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Gainesville News: Editor Jordan
of THE PUNTA GORDA HERALD has
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weeks. It is about time he was re-
lieving the monotony.

Col. Stovall of the Tampa Tribune
has also been calling for another fish
story; and to gratify the two distin-
guished and brilliant editors of the
above admirable newspapers, THE
HERALD submits the following little
narrative, the truth of which it is
prepared to support by the usual af-
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climate.

It should be stated, however, that
THE HERALD publishes a reliable
fish story every week—one that
shows Punta Gorda to be the largest
fish shipping port in the United
States; and it ought to be put in the
list with those other biggest things
claimed for Florida, which list has
been going the rounds of the papers
for several months.

This is the story in brief, without
any fillers or furbelows: In these
waters is a peculiar fish, nearly black
in color, very slender and rarely over
eight inches long. It possesses won-
derful strength. On the bottom of
its stomach is a singular formation,
about one by two inches in size, that
greatly resembles the bottom of a
lady's rubber overshoe.

This little fish is called a sucker—
dangerous name, we know, as it gives
opportunity for all sorts of insinua-
tions and deductions. The name
originates in the fact that the fish
sucks itself, so to speak, on to the
sides of other fish, fixing itself with
greatest tenacity by means of the
curious rubber pad on its stomach.

If you put your hand on this pad, it
instantly adheres to it with the grip
of an octopus.

About a month ago, Henry Arrington,
the 12-year-old son of a widow
living near the bay shore, while fish-
ing caught one of these queer fish
and at once proceeded to experiment
with it. He tied his line around the
fish's tail and tossed it into the water.

In a moment, there was a tremendous
pull on the line, which greatly aston-
ished the boy. He held on and tug-
ged and pulled, and finally hauled
into his boat a large fish known as a
"sucker," and weighing about thirty
pounds. He thought of course that
the big fish had swallowed the little
one, but, on starting to take off the
big one, he was greatly surprised to
find the sucker with the line still
tied to his tail sticking fast to the
side of the snout above and below the
dorsal fin. As the boy touched the
sucker with his hand, it released its
hold, and it was then, with the line
still tied to it, tossed again into the
water.

In less than a minute young Ar-
rington hauled in a mullet, to which
the sucker was fastened. Again he
threw the sucker overboard, and
again he took in a fish. This process
was continued until the boy had
more than he knew what to do with.

Realizing that he had captured an
aquatic fishing dog, so to speak; that
he had something better than bait, or
possibly nets, the boy put the sucker
into a bucket of bay water and car-
ried it home. There he put it in a
barrel, which he filled half full of
salt water, and which he renewed
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Now, whenever he or his mother
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into his boat, rows out to water of
proper depth and tosses the sucker
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Now, if Brother LaFontaine or Col.
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So the visit need cost them nothing.

Palatka Times-Herald: With in the
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Tallahassee Capital: The man who
knows how and why, and does as he
knows he should, can generally be
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the right time. Governor Jennings
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that is why his administration is so
successful.

Brer Johnston, of the Apalachicola
Times, having plenty of fish and
oysters and therefore no fear of the
meat trust, is now firing hot shot into
the school book trust. May heaven
bless his efforts.

Now it is the Cubans who want to
haul us into The Hague tribunal. But,
then, we can plead failure of considera-
tion against them and get off scot free.

Conservation of Energy.
"What was your idea in having
Bertha learn typewriting?"
"Well, she was always drumming
with her fingers, and I thought she
might as well do it to some purpose."
—Chicago Tribune.

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Thanksgiving Proclamation.
In conformity with custom and the
Proclamation of the President of the
United States of America, William
S. Jennings, governor of the State
of Florida, recommends the ob-
servance of Thursday, November 27,
1902, as a day of thanksgiving and
praise to Almighty God for His
mercy and goodness vouchsafed to
our State and people.

It should be with unfeigned grati-
tude that the people of Florida will
assemble with annual thanksgiving
to make acknowledgements to Al-
mighty God for the rich blessings
received during the year that is
drawing to a close.

To the people of our State it has
been a year of confidence, tranquility
and progress. The general health of
our citizenship has been good, the
treasures of our fields, gardens,
mines and forests, have been poured
forth in increasing quantities and
every path of honest toil has led to
comfort, contentment and happiness.

A highly favored people, mindful of
their dependence on the bounty of
the Giver of all good, should seek
fitting occasion to express their feel-
ing of gratitude and adoration, and
should rejoice at each annual oc-
currence of these seasons when
hallowed memories should fill our
thoughts and christian love and
charity characterize our acts.

It has long been the beautiful
custom of our people, on a day in
each year especially consecrated to
personal piety and public devotion,
with grateful hearts to give thanks
for all our blessings in the past, and
to devoutly supplicate their gracious
continuance in the future.

A Poor Man's Country.
We are frequently asked whether
or not Florida is a poor man's oppor-
tunity, and the answer has always
been affirmative, but never until the
other day has the fact been more
clearly proven.

In questioning a friend whose lot,
though a rough one, had produced
most happy results, we found out
that he supported himself, his wife
and six children on his own place
without at any time working for any
one else, and his start in life was a
very small one. Six years ago his
place was rough and undeveloped,
in the backwoods, literally; he
bought five cows and four small
hogs, and went to work farming.
Now he grows corn, cane, rice, cow
peas, velvet beans, sweet potatoes
and other vegetables, sufficient for a
large and hearty family. He has
sold over \$120 worth of cattle and
still owns eight cows and calves. He
has sold over \$200 worth of hogs and
has 100 of them left, besides having
fed his family.

He lives in a fine hunting country,
where he can get deer, turkeys,
alligators, fotters, coons and bears,
which also can be judiciously turned
into food or cash if desired. He is
independent, and obeys no man's
beck or call, and if a school were
near his children he would have
nothing to disturb his quiet enjoy-
ment of life. And he is only one out
of many doing the same.—Kissin-
moo Gazette.

Free School Book Question.
The Madison Recorder and the
Leesburg Commercial are at issue on
the school book question, the former
favoring and the latter opposing free
school books. Neither Madison nor
Lake county furnishes the books
free, so these papers are discussing
the subject from a purely theoretical
standpoint.

Hernando county has had free
books for ten years and longer. The
experience here shows that the
Recorder is right and the Commer-
cial decidedly wrong. "Decidedly,"
because it is as far away from the
facts in its conclusions as it can
reasonably get. It is hard indeed
for some to make a complete sur-
render to the modern and better
order of things. But they will have
to yield sooner or later. They are
making a feeble stand at the "free
books."

Please look at their position for a
moment from our standpoint. They
consent to a free school house cost-
ing, per pupil \$10; to a free desk \$2
per pupil; to a free teacher, costing
at a low estimate, \$12 per pupil per
term of six months, and then they
draw the line on free books which
cannot, at the highest estimate, cost
more than 50 cents per pupil per
annum. In Hernando county the
cost has been less than half that.
From these facts we must conclude
that the position of the opponents of
the free book system is untenable.—
Brooksville Argus.

Apalachicola Times: The PUNTA
GORDA HERALD says that the Florida
legislature will have an Oven but
no Bacon or Rice. Representative Oven
has pounded out life on pop-eyed
mullet for so long, that bacon and
rice might not prove agreeable to his
stomach.

Capital: Returns from all but two
counties in the State indicate that
the constitutional amendments were
passed by a majority of something
over 2,000.

Just to show that they appreciate his
good intentions the New York dem-
ocrats in the legislature will vote for
Dave Hill for senator. This is also for
publication.

JUDGE ARLINE
STRIKES BACK

THE GAME WARDEN THREATENS TO
PRINT A PIECE.

I notice that among other im-
portant business transacted by the
board of county commissioners at its
meeting last week was a recom-
mendation to the governor that he
remove me from the popular, pleas-
ant, honorable and lucrative office
of fish and game warden for DeSoto
county. Thus, alas, the die is cast.
"Twas ever thus from childhood's
hours" or words to that effect. Sic
transit gloria mundi.

I have been informed that the
grounds urged for my undoing was
the condition of my health. True, I
have been a sick man most of the
time for the past few years; still I
have 15 deputies in the county who
are fairly robust, and who will from
an intellectual or physical stand-
point average fully up with the
board of commissioners. As that
body has resolved itself into a board
of health in addition to its other
arduous duties, it should examine
these deputies and ascertain whether
they have any contagious or other
troubles. Such for instance as buy-
ing lightning rods with the public
money (while not one of them ever
lived a day under a lightning rod of
his own); trying to relieve rich non-
resident land owners of their taxes
and saddling the burden on the tax-
payers of this county; sending
favorites over the county to see
shows at a cost of hundreds of dol-
lars to the tax payers, not one in
twenty of whom are consulted, con-
sidered or noticed in such matters,
and the results of which to DeSoto
county have never been worth the
paper the orders were written on,
etc., etc.

One member ordered the clerk to
be sure that that document was
mailed to the governor that night.
He should have wired the governor
to sit up and wait for an instrument
of such importance, that he might
act upon it at once. He probably
thought I might die and not suffer
the disgrace. I consider it the very
highest compliment the board could
have bestowed upon me. Had they
commended me for duty faithfully
performed, I should have lost con-
fidence in myself at once, and would
have known there was some rotten-
ness somewhere among the Danes.

I will probably live several weeks
yet. In fact cannot afford to die at
this particular stage of the game. I
hold the key to some matters of
interest that I shall put before the
voters and tax payers of the county
which will make interesting reading
for somebody; a part of which was
in type, the proof read and corrected
and was sent to the press room of
the official organ of the county and
then suppressed.

Owing to some mutilation of my
manuscript and the changing of
scenes somewhat, I shall have to re-
write it and will also have to bring
it out in pamphlet form. That will
of course take money and I am not
in a condition financially or physi-
cally to attend to it immediately.
To those of my friends who have
written me in regard to the matter
I take this method of saying it will
come out and be put into the hands
of practically all the voters of De-
Soto county, unless I am killed very
soon.
D. W. ARLINE,
Wauchula, Fla., Nov. 13, 1902.

Our Invitation to the Gala Week.
Editor Punta Gorda Herald:—
DEAR FRIEND:—The Gala Week